

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 12-24, 27-30, 32-35, 37, and 39-41 are pending.

Claim 12 is amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.

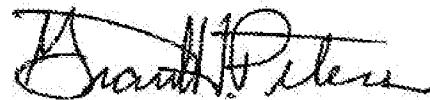
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's examination of the application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's withdraw of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Koga and Knepler.

The amendments claim 12 is fully supported by the specification and the drawings as originally filed and do not add any new matter. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration of the claims as amended herein is respectfully requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone so that resolution can be promptly affected.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and any other fees or shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in such fees being credited, to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 12-0913 acknowledging attorney docket no. (27726-97775).

Respectfully submitted,
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